

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Canceled)

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3. (New) An image information management system, comprising:

a server apparatus;

a client apparatus connected to the server apparatus via a network; and

a pen-type information input apparatus, wherein the server apparatus includes:

a storage part configured to store document information and position identification code management information;

a determination part configured to determine whether there is a position identification code assignable to a document to be printed on a paper medium when information on the document and an instruction to perform position identification code printing on the paper medium are received from the client apparatus; and

a transmission part configured to transmit the position identification code to the client apparatus when the determination part determines that there is the position identification code assignable to the document; and

the information input apparatus includes:

an apparatus main body configured to be held by a human hand for a writing operation;

an image reading unit configured to optically read the position identification code printed on the paper medium, the image reading unit being provided to the apparatus main body; and

a detection unit configured to detect position information indicating a position on the paper medium from the read position identification code, the detection unit being provided to the apparatus main body.

4. (New) The image information management system as claimed in claim 3, wherein the server apparatus further comprises:

a correction information determination part configured to determine whether correction information transmitted from the information input apparatus pertains to the document managed by the server apparatus; and

a correction part configured to correct the document based on the correction information when the correction information determination part determines that the correction information pertains to the document managed by the server apparatus.

5. (New) An image information management method, comprising:

(a) determining, by a server apparatus, whether there is a position identification code assignable to a document to be printed on a paper medium when information on the document and an instruction to perform position identification code printing on the paper medium are received from a client apparatus connected to the server apparatus via a network;

(b) transmitting, by the server apparatus, the position identification code to the client apparatus when said step (a) determines that there is the position identification code assignable to the document;

(c) optically reading, by a pen-type information input apparatus, the position identification code printed on the paper medium; and

(d) detecting, by the information input apparatus, position information indicating a position on the paper medium from the read position identification code.

6. (New) The image information management method as claimed in claim 5, further comprising:

(e) determining, by the server apparatus, whether correction information transmitted from the information input apparatus pertains to the document managed by the server apparatus; and

(f) correcting, by the server apparatus, the document based on the correction information when said step (e) determines that the correction information pertains to the document managed by the server apparatus.

7. (New) A server apparatus for image information management, comprising:

a storage part configured to store document information and position identification code management information;

a determination part configured to determine whether there is a position identification code assignable to a document to be printed on a paper medium when information on the document and an instruction to perform position identification code printing on the paper medium are received from a client apparatus connected to the server apparatus via a network; and

a transmission part configured to transmit the position identification code to the client apparatus when the determination part determines that there is the position identification code assignable to the document.

8. (New) The server apparatus for image information management as claimed in claim 7, further comprising:

a correction information determination part configured to determine whether correction information transmitted from a pen-type information input apparatus pertains to the document managed by the server apparatus; and

a correction part configured to correct the document based on the correction information when the correction information determination part determines that the correction information pertains to the document managed by the server apparatus.